

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is made in response to the rejection dated April 29, 2010. Claims 2-3, 6-9 and 18 remain. Independent claim 18 was rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Now, the objections to lines 3 and 4 are corrected. A ";" has been inserted, as well as the word "in." This rejection is now traversed.

Claims 1-3, 6-9, 11-12 and 14-17 (n.b., it is assumed the Examiner meant 2-3, 6-9 and 18.) were rejected under 35 USC 102 (e) using the Ehr reference. Yet, Ehr does not disclose the claimed invention, notably the bridging elements. For ease of reference, the Examiner's markup of Ehr is incorporated herein, identifying anything which could possibly be characterized as a bridging element in bold. None of these are "S"-shaped, and certainly do not cross from V-shape to V-shape as claimed. Removal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 18 and 4 were rejected under 35 USC 103 using Fischell '971 and Jang '053. Yet, neither reference has an "S"-shaped element as claimed, connecting the V-shaped elements. So, this rejection is traversed, and should be removed.

Claim 18 was objected to under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. The objection is addressed, as now there are claimed S-shaped elements. This term is used repeatedly throughout the specification, so that any objection under the first paragraph of 35 USC 112 is inappropriate, and should be dropped.

Thus, claims 2-3, 6-9 and 18 are in condition for allowance.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/CMI5001USCNT7/PAC for any such fees.

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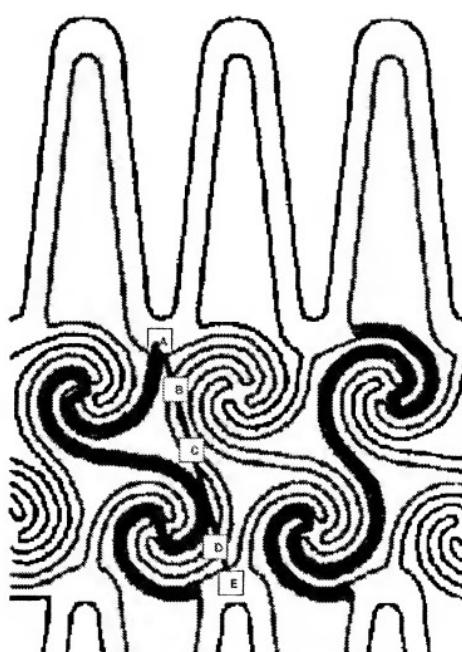


Fig. 30